



**ABO TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2018**

## **ABO TRUST**

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity Number 1003852**

#### **Trustees**

The following trustees have held office since 1 April 2017:

Kathryn McDowell CBE (resigned 28 November 2017)

Mark Pemberton

Gavin Reid (appointed 28 November 2017)

Anna Rowe

Lisa Smith

Timothy Walker AM

Laurence Watt

#### **Address**

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#### **Solicitors**

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#### **Independent Examiners**

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#### **Bankers**

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## **ABO TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

The trustees present their Annual Report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the governing document and the provisions of "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The ABO Trust is a charity independent of the Association of British Orchestras but which has as its primary objective assisting the performance of musical works of the highest quality in the UK by orchestras that are members of the Association of British Orchestras. The Chairman and Director of the Association of British Orchestras are ex-officio trustees of the ABO Trust. The ABO Trust is governed by a Trust Deed dated 25 March 1991. New trustees are appointed to the Board by the current trustees and are selected based upon their experience in the business, arts, education and community sectors

#### **Objects**

The objects of the Trust shall be the advancement of public music education in general and in particular.

- (i) by procuring, sponsoring or assisting the performance of musical works of the highest quality in any part of the United Kingdom by those British orchestras, or sections thereof, which are members of the Association of British Orchestras;
- (ii) by encouraging improvements in standards of performance by British orchestras;
- (iii) by promoting the development of musical appreciation by the general public by commissioning compositions and by procuring, sponsoring or assisting the performance by British orchestras of musical works of high quality or of historic or other interest which are not frequently performed; and
- (iv) by the creation of and expansion of a centralised library for the benefit of members of the ABO.

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity during the year was to provide a grant to the Association of British Orchestras to support its work in music education, to support the costs of the ABO/Royal Philharmonic Society Salomon Award, and to support the costs of the Healthy Orchestra programme.

In October 2016 the ABO Trust received a donation of £200,000 from Diana Ambache to support the Sirens fund for orchestras performing works by historical women composers over a 10 year period. The first grants were made to three successful applicants in the year: Philharmonia Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Southbank Sinfonia.

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#### **Public Benefit**

In planning its activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The trustees are satisfied that the grant provided to the Association of British Orchestras was used in accordance with the above objectives.

#### **Investments**

The investments are in funds to ensure that sufficient income is received in order to support the objectives of the Trust whilst maintaining the capital value of those funds.

#### **Reserves**

The ABO Trust provides support for the Association of British Orchestras into the future. It is the intention of the trustees to make the annual income from the fund available to the Association of British Orchestras for special purposes as may be determined. In addition, at its absolute discretion, it may make income available sooner and/or to apply capital in support of the ABO's work. Similarly, the ABO Trust is not required to make income available in any period if it does not consider it to be appropriate to do so. The trustees have a policy of keeping unrestricted reserves at a level that can maintain grants to the Association of British Orchestras and has unrestricted reserves which, along with investment returns, can achieve this. Reserves at 31 March 2018 were £738,297 of which £554,103 were unrestricted.

#### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

**Laurence Watt**  
Chairman

# **ABO TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ABO Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ABO Trust ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2018.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Samantha Wells BA FCA CTA**  
**Lindeyer Francis Ferguson Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
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Dated: 31 October 2018

**ABO TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

	Notes	<i>Restricted funds 2018 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2018 £</i>	<i>Total 2018 £</i>	<i>Total 2017 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and gift aid		-	1,252	1,252	201,598
Investments	<b>2</b>	7,002	22,491	29,493	22,054
<b>Total income</b>		<u>7,002</u>	<u>23,743</u>	<u>30,745</u>	<u>223,652</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	10,600	21,321	31,921	25,154
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>10,600</u>	<u>21,321</u>	<u>31,921</u>	<u>25,154</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		( 12,208)	( 15,395)	( 27,603)	25,942
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>		<u>( 15,806)</u>	<u>( 12,973)</u>	<u>( 28,779)</u>	<u>224,440</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		200,000	567,076	767,076	542,636
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>184,194</u>	<u>554,103</u>	<u>738,297</u>	<u>767,076</u>

**ABO TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2018**

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	4	675,893	703,496
		<u>675,893</u>	<u>703,496</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	1,252	11,704
Cash at bank and in hand		61,677	52,376
<b>Creditors amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	( 525)	( 500)
Net current assets		<u>62,404</u>	<u>63,580</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><b>738,297</b></u>	<u><b>767,076</b></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	554,103	567,076
Restricted funds	8	184,194	200,000
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><b>738,297</b></u>	<u><b>767,076</b></u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

**Laurence Watt (Chairman)**



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1 Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**1.1 Status**

ABO Trust is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. Its registered address is 32 Rose Street, London, England WC2E 9ET.

**1.2 Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

ABO Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue, and so the going concern basis of accounting has been adopted.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

**1.3 Income**

Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to it, it is probable that it will be received and it can be measured reliably. For donations, this is usually on receipt.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

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**1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised when a present legal or constructive obligation exists at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be measured or estimated reliably. It is inclusive of any VAT which cannot be reclaimed.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes donations and governance costs for the preparation and independent examination of the financial statements.

**1.5 Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities if the investments are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

**1.6 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial instruments which are classified as basic financial instruments. Short term debtors and creditors are measured at their settlement value. Any losses from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss.

**1.7 Fund analysis**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is allocated to the fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

<b>2</b>	<b>Income from investments</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Bank interest	-	10
	From M&G portfolio	29,493	22,044
		<u>29,493</u>	<u>22,054</u>

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**3 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Donations</i>		
RPS - Salomon Prize	500	500
ABO - Find Your Way project	7,200	11,600
ABO - Education and youth consultant	13,000	12,500
ABO re Siren Project	1,000	-
Siren Project	9,600	-
	<u>31,300</u>	<u>24,600</u>
<i>Support costs</i>		
Bank charges	71	54
<i>Governance costs</i>		
Accounts preparation and independent examination	550	500
	<u>31,921</u>	<u>25,154</u>

All expenditure in the previous year was unrestricted.

**4 Investments**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market value at 1 April 2017	703,496	477,554
Additions at cost	-	200,000
Net gains/(losses) on investments	( 27,603)	25,942
Market value at 31 March 2018	<u>675,893</u>	<u>703,496</u>

All investments are UK quoted investments.

**5 Debtors**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accrued income	<u>1,252</u>	<u>11,704</u>

**6 Creditors**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	<u>525</u>	<u>500</u>

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**7 Trustees**

No trustees received any remuneration in the year or were reimbursed expenses (2017: £nil). The trustees are the only key management personnel.

**8 Statement of funds**

**Current year**

	<i><b>Brought forward</b></i>	<i><b>Income</b></i>	<i><b>Expenditure</b></i>	<i><b>Gains/(losses) on investments</b></i>	<i><b>Carried forward</b></i>
<b>General Fund</b>	567,076	23,743	( 21,321)	( 15,395)	554,103
<b>Restricted fund</b>	200,000	7,002	( 10,600)	( 12,208)	184,194
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>767,076</u>	<u>30,745</u>	<u>( 31,921)</u>	<u>( 27,603)</u>	<u>738,297</u>

The restricted fund relates to a donation received to support the costs of the Siren Programme over 10 years. The Siren project provides grants for ABO members for programming historical women composers.

**Prior year**

	<i><b>Brought forward</b></i>	<i><b>Income</b></i>	<i><b>Expenditure</b></i>	<i><b>Gains/(losses) on investments</b></i>	<i><b>Carried forward</b></i>
<b>General Fund</b>	542,636	23,652	( 25,154)	25,942	567,076
<b>Restricted fund</b>	-	200,000	-	-	200,000
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>542,636</u>	<u>223,652</u>	<u>( 25,154)</u>	<u>25,942</u>	<u>767,076</u>

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**9 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<i><b>Restricted funds 2018</b></i>	<i><b>Unrestricted funds 2018</b></i>	<i><b>Total funds 2018</b></i>	<i><b>Total funds 2017</b></i>
Fixed assets	184,194	491,699	675,893	703,496
Current assets	-	62,929	62,929	64,080
Creditors due within one year	-	( 525)	( 525)	( 500)
	<u>184,194</u>	<u>554,103</u>	<u>738,297</u>	<u>767,076</u>

Total funds in 2017 included £200,000 for restricted funds held in fixed assets.

**10 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year.